

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO.2000-457-C - ORDER NO. 2000-1024
DECEMBER 21, 2000

IN RE: Application of AM-TEL South Carolina, LLC)	ORDER GRANTING
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	PETITION TO
Necessity to provide Local Exchange)	INTERVENE OUT OF
Telecommunications Services Within the)	TIME
State of South Carolina)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") by way of a Motion to Intervene Out of Time by the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") which was filed with the Commission on November 20, 2000. In its Motion to Intervene Out of Time, SCTC alleged that it did not receive the Notice of Filing and Hearing in this case prior to November 6, 2000, the last date to intervene in this matter. Additionally, SCTC's Motion states that on or about October 24, 2000, prior to the date of intervention, the Commission's Utilities Department Staff arranged with the SCTC Counsel's paralegal to transmit and receive all future notices of telecommunications and other Department activity by e-mail rather than by placing a hard copy of a notice in Counsel's pick-up box. The Motion states further that because there were some complications with the transmittal of e-mailed attachments between the Commission's database and the paralegal's database, SCTC did not receive the October 19, 2000, Notice of Filing and Hearing regarding the Application of AM-Tel South Carolina, LLC ("AM-Tel, LLC") prior to the November 6, 2000, date for intervention.

On November 20, 2000, Counsel for AM-Tel, LLC filed a Return to SCTC's Motion to Intervene Out of Time. In its Return, AM-Tel, LLC stated it would lose a substantial advantage by the Commission granting SCTC's Motion. Additionally, AM-Tel, LLC stated SCTC's Motion admits being aware of AM-Tel, LLC's filing of its Application on October 23, 2000, and yet SCTC failed to move appropriately in a timely manner. On November 28, 2000, however, AM-Tel, LLC filed a letter with the Commission in which it withdrew its objection to SCTC's intervening in this matter.

After reviewing SCTC's Motion to Intervene Out of Time and AM-Tel, LLC's letter withdrawing its objection to SCTC's intervening in this matter, we hereby grant SCTC's request to file a Petition to Intervene in this docket.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. SCTC's Motion to Intervene Out of Time is granted.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of this Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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